(घ) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग और उर्वरक विभाग में हिन्दी सप्ताह मनाया गया था। कृषि अनुसंधान और शिक्षा विभाग/ भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् में हिन्दी दिवस मनाया गया। ग्रामीण विकास राज्य मंत्री द्वारा एक संदेश जारी किया गया।

Commercial exploitation of mineral resources in Maharashtra

@*472. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has recently been conducted by the Geological Survey of India for the commerical exploitation of the natural resources available in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the total percentage of the area of the State surveyed so far; and

(d) by when the remaining area is likely to be surveyed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Commercial exploitation of minerals does not come under the purview of the Geological Survey of India. GSI only carries out regional mineral assessment and preliminary exploration of minerals.

(c) 70.1 per cent area of Maharashtra has been surveyed so far by Geological mapping.

(d) The remaining area of the State is likely to be surveyed by the year 1992 subject to the availability of resources.

@Previously Starred Question 372 transferred from the 28th November, 1986.

Corruption in the Management of F.C.I.

*473. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a number of memorandum from the Fertilizer Workers Federation, CITU and a very senior officer of the Fertilizer Corporation of India alleging corruption and inefficiency on the part of the top management of the Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of these complaints; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No such complaint against FCI has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fishing Trawlers

*474. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a large number of letters of intent to the prospective buyers of fishing trawlers in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether the entrepreneurs could not procure or implement the same letters of intent due to non-availability of funds in rupees or foreign exchange and more because of the closure of SDFC;

(c) the names of the parties who were issued such letters of intent;

(d) whether fish catches are rampant by foreign trawlers on all Indian seas; and

(e) if so, the details there of and action proposed to be taken to increase the Indian fishing trawlers and to help the Indians to increase fish catches?